



Djerba

Photo: BTWImages/Shutterstock.com



Harald Lueder/Shutterstock.com

Djerba, the largest island of North Africa, is situated southeast of Tunisia on the Gulf of Gabes and is ringed by miles of sandy beaches and luxury hotels. With its ideal temperate climate, this is another very popular Tunisian destination. The many resort hotels provide anything you need for lazy days of sunbathing, plus a wide range of activities like thalassotherapy or water sports.

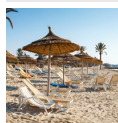


Rostislav_Sedlacek/Shutterstock.com



Evgeny Murtola/Shutterstock.com

Featured



Plage de Sidi Mahrez

Plage de Sidi Mahrez stands as the primary beach destination in Djerba, offe...



Nefta

Located on the edge of the awe-inspiring Sahara Desert, Nefta is where the m...



Borj El Kebir

Originally built in the 13th century and restored several times throughout t...



Plage de la Seguia

Plage de la Seguia unfolds as a tranquil haven along the coastline, boasting...



Gightis

Gigthis is a significant archaeological site with roots dating back to the 6...

Top 5



Houmt Souk

Embark on a tour through Houmt Souk, Djerba's main town to get a glimpse of ...



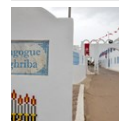
Djerba Traditional Heritag...

The Djerba Traditional Heritage Museum features beautiful collections of tra...



Guellala Museum

Perched on the highest point of the island, the Guellala Museum provides vis...



El Ghriba Synagogue

El Ghriba Synagogue, located in the village of Hara Seghira, stands as the o...



The Mosques

Among the many mosques in Djerba's villages, two should not be missed. The f...

THE CITY



GorillaAttack/Shutterstock.com

Djerba is first and foremost known for its exceptional beaches and scenic landscape as well as its filming location for the Tatoine's Mos Eisley exterior scenes in the famous Star Wars movie.

The main tourist zone is situated on the east side, along Sidi Mahrez and Seguia beaches (around Midoun). Touring the island is affordable. Wherever you go, you will never be more than thirty minutes from your hotel, and you will be surprised by how splendid Djerba is in its diversity.

The main centre is the city of Houmt Souk, with its beautiful lively markets and traditional hotels with vault rooms - the 'funduqs'. Most of the hotels have been built around courtyards and are very atmospheric. The rest of the island is a series of villages and small places, often ignored by tourists, yet authentic and picturesque — such as Guellala, which houses a huge pottery and ceramic production centre.

You will be amazed by the atypical mosques, some very old and built like fortresses, and the traditional architecture of the 'menzels', farms made up of square whitewashed houses.

DO & SEE



MSF/Shutterstock.com

With hundreds of mosques, five hundred thousand olive trees and hundreds of years of history influenced by the Roman, Ottoman, Berber and Jewish empires, this oasis at the doors of the Sahara has everything to give your stay a real change of scenery.

Houmt Souk



Embark on a tour through Houmt Souk, Djerba's main town to get a glimpse of Tunisian life. Begin at the bustling fishing port, where the day's catch unfolds against the backdrop of the Mediterranean. Navigate through lively markets, where the air is filled with the aromas of exotic spices and vibrant textiles. The fascinating 'funduqs' houses, some dating back centuries, stand as architectural treasures. Discover a unique blend of religious diversity as you visit a small church alongside two notable mosques — the Mosque of the Turks and the Mosque of the Strangers.

Photo: Fotokon/Shutterstock

Address: Houmt Souk, Djerba

Djerba Traditional Heritage Museum



The Djerba Traditional Heritage Museum features beautiful collections of traditional costumes as well as Jewish and Muslim jewels. The museum is located in an old Koranic education centre from the 18th century.

Photo: M.Rais/CC0 1.0/Wikimedia(image cropped)
Address: 4180 Avenue Habib Thameur, Houmt Souk
Opening hours: Sat–Thu 9:30am–4:30pm, Fri closed
Phone: +216 75 650 540

Guellala Museum



Perched on the highest point of the island, the Guellala Museum provides visitors with a comprehensive and immersive exploration of the cultural heritage of Djerba. Within its walls, the museum unfolds a rich tapestry of Djerbian life through diverse exhibits, each dedicated to themes ranging from festivities and traditions to myths, legends, pottery, mosaics, and traditional music.

Photo: Gimias/Shutterstock
Address: Guellala, Djerba
Opening hours: Daily 8am–6pm
Phone: +216 75 761 114
Internet: www.musee-djerba-guellala.com
Email: contact@musee-djerba-guellala.com

El Ghriba Synagogue



El Ghriba Synagogue, located in the village of Hara Seghira, stands as the oldest synagogue in Tunisia and, possibly, all of Africa. Situated

southwest of Houmt El Souk, the main town of Djerba, this historic site serves as the focal point of Jews in North Africa. The synagogue is renowned for its ornate interiors adorned with intricate blue tile work and elegant arches.

Photo: Hasan Mrad/Shutterstock
Address: Hara Sghira, Er Riadh
Opening hours: Sun–Fri 9am–noon / 3:30pm–5pm; Sat closed

The Mosques



Among the many mosques in Djerba's villages, two should not be missed. The first one is the Turkish mosque in El May. Located in the heart of the island, with whitewashed walls, this fortified mosque is simply beautiful. El May's market is also worth a visit. In Mellita, another village near the airport, their 9th-century mosque is one of the oldest in the world.

Photo: Nizarkalech/CC BY-SA 3.0/Wikimedia(image cropped)

Borj El Kebir



Originally built in the 13th century and restored several times throughout the years, Borj El Kebir is an ancient castle overlooking the Houmt Souk region. It is the largest and best-preserved local castle. On a sunny day, you can take a hike up the hill and enjoy a great view of the harbour.

Photo: Delpixel/Shutterstock.com
Address: Burj el Kabir, Djerba

Plage de Sidi Mahrez



Plage de Sidi Mahrez stands as the primary beach destination in Djerba, offering a laid-back atmosphere and clear turquoise waters.

Visitors can unwind on the sandy shores, bask in the sun, and enjoy horse or camel rides along the coast. For those seeking more adventure, there are opportunities for jet skiing, parasailing, and towed buoy activities.

Photo: Rostislav_Sedlacek/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plage de Sidi Mahrez, Djerba

More Info: Located about 9 km east of Houmt Souk

Plage de la Seguia



Plage de la Seguia unfolds as a tranquil haven along the coastline, boasting expansive stretches of golden sand as well as calm and

inviting turquoise-blue waters. This idyllic beach, adorned with swaying palm trees, offers a magical retreat for those seeking peace and rejuvenation. There are a few places to eat nearby as well as a couple of water activities for those interested.

Photo: Rostislav_Sedlacek/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plage de la Seguia, Tunisia

More Info: Located between Aghir and Ras Lalla Hadria

Nefta



Located on the edge of the awe-inspiring Sahara Desert, Nefta is where the magic of Star Wars becomes a tangible reality. Renowned as the

backdrop for iconic scenes in the film series, Nefta's otherworldly landscapes transport visitors to a galaxy far, far away. Beyond its cinematic allure, Nefta enchants with its mesmerising scenery, from rolling dunes that stretch as far as the eye can see to palm-fringed oases. The ancient town is steeped in history, with its labyrinthine medina, adorned with vibrant blue and white facades, and the iconic Mosque of Sidi Bouhlel, which stands as a testament to the region's spiritual heritage.

Photo: Fotokon/Shutterstock

Address: Nefta

Gightis



Gightis is a significant archaeological site with roots dating back to the 6th century BC when it was founded by Phoenicians. Thriving

during Roman times, it evolved into a bustling port engaged in exporting commodities like gold, ivory, and slaves brought by trans-Saharan caravans. The remains of Gightis encompass a forum adorned with temples, a monumental arch, a market, and two bathhouses.

Photo: Following Hadrian/CC BY-SA 2.0/Wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Gightis Archaeological Site, Boughrara, Tunisia

DINING



nito/Shutterstock.com

The national dish is rice and curry, traditionally eaten with your fingers — cutlery is provided for foreigners. The meal consists of six or seven plates of fiery meat, fish and chicken served with heaps of rice accompanied by side dishes of yoghurt and cucumber and vegetable curries. Roadside stalls also dish up snacks like rotis (pancakes) and malu pan (spicy meat or fish rolls).

Chez Chouchou



Chez Chouchou is a small and no-frills restaurant well known for its friendly staff and fresh food. On the menu, you'll find spaghetti, seafood, and meat dishes, as well as a few typical local dishes like couscous and kamounia, a beef and liver stew.

Photo: Martin Rettenberger/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenue de l'environnement, Midun, Djerba

Opening hours: Mon–Sat noon–3:30pm / 6pm–9:30pm; Sun closed

Phone: +216 25 919 349

Haroun



What separates Haroun from other restaurants in Djerba is the location. It is beautifully situated on the water's edge and is a replica of a boat deck. It serves hearty portions of Tunisian specialities in a rustic chic atmosphere.

Photo: gkrphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Houmt Souk, Djerba

Opening hours: Daily 8am–midnight

Phone: +216 75 650 488

More Info: La Marsa fishing port

Essofra



Savor the rich flavours of traditional Tunisian fare at this inviting and beautifully-decorated restaurant. Indulge in local specialties such as 'brik', a delicious fried egg pastry, 'méchoui', a slow-roasted lamb delicacy, or the classic couscous.

Photo: Fanfo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenue Taieb Mhiri, Houmt Souk, Djerba

Opening hours: Tue–Sun 12:30–3:30pm / 7pm–10pm; Mon closed

Phone: +216 98 281 049

Rachid et Sophie



Located in the city of Midoun, this restaurant offers you traditional Tunisian cuisine with a modern twist. Come by to enjoy generous servings for reasonable prices and enjoy a balmy evening on their outdoor terrace.

Photo: bonchan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenue de l'Environnement, Midoun, Djerba

Opening hours: Tue-Sun noon-3pm / 6pm-10pm; Mon closed

Phone: +216 20 946 915

Uncle Ali's Fish Restaurant



Located directly at the beach, Uncle Ali is the perfect spot to unwind after a day of sunbathing and swimming. Operating without a traditional

menu, the restaurant presents the catch of the day, ensuring the freshest seafood experience. Delight in the savoury offerings of fresh fish and seafood while soaking in sea views.

Photo: Iryna Pospikh/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plage Sidi Yéti, Aghir

Opening hours: Daily noon-4pm / 7pm-11pm

Phone: +216 21 805 506

Grand Casino de Djerba



This restaurant and casino offers entertainment and fun for the whole evening. Drop by at the downstairs bar, enjoy some live music on

the top floor, indulge yourself in tasty food at the restaurant or play a round of roulette at the casino. No matter what you're looking for, it's always worth a visit.

Photo: Augustino/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mezraia, Tunisia

Opening hours: Daily 10am-4am

Phone: +216 75 757 537

CAFÉS



SEAGULL_L/shutterstock.com

Djerba offers some wonderful oceanview cafés to rest your feet and discuss further actions for the day. Grab a tea or coffee in the afternoon and come back in the evening for cocktails. Most offer you spacious terraces with tables in the shadows to enjoy your time.

Café El Flouka



If you're looking for a cosy place after a full day of beach life and sightseeing, El Flouka is the place for you.

Delicious bites and refreshing tea make it a favourite of travellers from all over the world. For great pictures under the palm tree drop by in the late afternoon.

Photo: Zadorozhnyi Viktor/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fatou, Tunisia

Opening hours: Daily 6am-midnight

Café Havana



Enjoy a great view of the lovely Marina of Djerba while sipping hot drinks at Café Havana. If you are looking for a bit more of a party atmosphere

drop by in the evening and grab one of their

delicious cocktails.

Photo: Dima Aslanian/Shutterstock.com
Address: Houmt Souk, Tunisia
Opening hours: Daily 6:30am-midnight
Phone: +216 94 323 523

Café Ben Yedder



Try one of the best cakes in town at Café Ben Yedder. Locals love it here for its cosy setting and friendly atmosphere. Ask for the pie of the day and enjoy some strong coffee with it.

Photo: supatchai/Shutterstock.com
Address: Houmt Souk, Tunisia
Opening hours: Daily 5am-9pm
Phone: +216 53 364 750

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Maksim Fesenko/Shutterstock.com

Bars are a relatively new concept, although there are some old favourites patronised by expats and regular visitors. Generally quiet, they erupt into life at the weekend with live music, good value food and a reasonable drinks list. The best nightlife revolves around the upscale hotels where you will find bars, nightclubs and karaoke lounges.

Chichkhan



Chichkhan offers an ideal setting for a laid-back evening in Djerba. The venue boasts a beautiful and traditional decor, complete with comfy

sofas, where you can enjoy a variety of shisha flavors paired with delightful tea, providing a perfect blend of comfort and enjoyment.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com
Address: Ouled Amor, Tunisia
Opening hours: Daily 8am-2am
Phone: +216 75 765 793

La Taverne

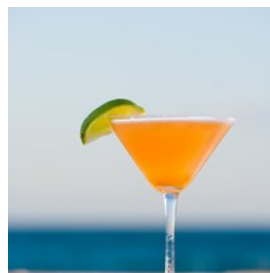


La Taverne, a beloved bar and bistro, welcomes patrons with an Italian-inspired menu showcasing pasta, pizzas, and an array of meat

dishes. The ambience is set with a low-light setting, creating an intimate and cosy atmosphere. Enjoy a diverse range of beverages, ranging from classic cocktails to French champagne. The establishment hosts DJs almost every day of the week, enhancing the experience with a vibrant and lively touch.

Photo: Chad McDermott/Shutterstock.com
Address: Mezraia, Tunisia
Opening hours: Daily 7pm-midnight
Phone: +216 54 060 606

Sunset Beach Bar



On a balmy night, drop by Sunset Beach Bar and enjoy your evening under the starlit sky. The upbeat place attracts international guests with

its great service and stunning location. Grab a drink and relax while listening to the sound of the sea.

Photo: Netfalls - Remy Musser/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plage Sidi Mehrez, Djerba

Opening hours: Daily 10am-midnight

Phone: +216 28 444 612

SHOPPING



bumihills/Shutterstock.com

Souk means market in Arabic, and you should definitely visit one of them in Houmt Souk — the island's capital. Everything between heaven and earth is sold here.

The villages boast a vibrant community of local craftsmen, showcasing their expertise through the creation of unique and authentic handcrafted items, such as pottery, ceramics, carpets, baskets, and leather goods, among others. The richness of olive wood is shown to good effect on the carved bowls, kitchen utensils and even jewellery items.

Houmt Souk Bazaar



Visit the Houmt Souk Bazaar to get a taste of a true oriental bazaar. Goods on sale here range from handcrafted items to traditional clothing, spices, fresh produce and more. Hagglng is part

of the experience.

Photo: Katina Rogers/CC BY 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Houmt Souk, Djerba

Aries



Aries is a quaint shop that unveils the allure of Tunisian craftsmanship, offering quality products sourced from Djerba and various regions in

Tunisia. The shop showcases an array of meticulously crafted items, including ceramics, textiles, and purses.

Photo: Lukasz Janyst/Shutterstock.com

Address: Houmt Souk, Djerba

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-6:30pm, Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +216 75 650 100

Internet: www.instagram.com/boutique_aries_djerba_

TOURIST INFORMATION



Christian Knosp/Shutterstock.com

Djerba-Zarzis International Airport (DJE)

Djerba-Zarzis International Airport is located near Mellita, just 8 kilometres from Houmt Souk. Taxis are the most efficient and fastest way



to get to town. The journey time is 20 minutes.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Aéroport international de Djerba-Zarzis

Phone: +216 75 650 233

Passport/Visa



For stays of up to 90 days, a visa is not required for citizens of over 90 world countries, including all citizens of the European Union

(except Cyprus), the United States, Canada, Australia, Russia, and an extensive number of further states. Citizens of Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macao, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan may only enter visa-free when travelling as part of an organised tour, upon producing a hotel voucher. For updated information at your planned time of travel, please contact an embassy or consulate closest to you.

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com

Best Time to Visit



Djerba is best visited during the shoulder season of late spring to early fall. Temperatures reach their peak during the summer months, July

and August in particular. For those seeking sun and warmth with fewer crowds, September is a favourable option.

Photo: Vector A/Shutterstock.com

Public Transport



The best way to get anywhere in Djerba is by taxi. They are cheap and readily available in all main beach resorts, everywhere and at all

times of the day.

Once you find a taxi driver you like, ask for his phone number and he will be happy to come pick you up and give you a ride. If you're a group, another good option is to use shared taxis, which go to a fixed destination. They leave only when they're full. If you need a booking back to the airport, it's also good to ask your hotel.

If you have time, an original way to explore Djerba is by bicycle or small motorbike. Ask your hotel for more details about rentals.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Ferry



For those who arrive by car, the ferry between Jorf and Ajim (southwest of the island) runs every hour from 4am to midnight and every two

hours from midnight to 4am (free for pedestrians).

Photo: M-O Vector/shutterstock.com

Post



In Djerba, post offices (La Poste in French) generally operate Mon-Fri from 8am to 5pm (closing a few hours for lunch); some branches

might also open on Saturdays until noon. They can be recognised by their blue and yellow colours.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: La Poste Midoun - Djerba Midun

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-noon / 2:30pm-5pm; Sat

9am-12:15pm; Sun closed

Phone: +216 75 730 338

Pharmacy



Pharmacie de Nuit (Night Pharmacy) Midoun,
Djerba Midun +216 75
732 027 Pharmacie de
Nuit Sana Talmoudi Slim
(Night Pharmacy) Houmt

Souk, Djerba

+216 75 650 707

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



Country Code: +216 Area
Code: 75

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



Tunisia operates on a
230V supply voltage and
50Hz. Power sockets in
the country are of type C
and E. The Type C plug,
commonly known as the

Europlug, features two round pins, while the Type E plug also has two round pins but includes a socket for the earthing pin.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

160,000 (2023)

Currency

TND (Tunisian Dinar)

Opening hours

In general, public services, banks, museums and shops are open from 8am to noon and from 2pm to 5pm. During the summer, the afternoon hours can be from 3pm to 6pm. Some banks open non-stop from 8am to 4:15pm, Monday to Friday.

Newspapers

La Presse de Tunisie (in French): <https://lapresse.tn>

Le Quotidien (in French): www.lequotidien.com.tn/fr

Emergency numbers

Police: 197/193

Fire brigade: 198

Ambulance: 190

